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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter Holders, Principals, and Testing Coordinators

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SUBJECT: **Opening application process for alternative schools
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AZ LEARNS PROFILES FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

This memo is to inform you that the application process for alternative school status under AZ LEARNS is now open. Schools granted alternative school status will receive an AZ LEARNS achievement profile in 2005 using a parallel methodology.

For a description of the criteria a school needs to meet to be deemed an alternative school, and the method used to calculate an achievement profile for alternative schools, please read the AZ LEARNS Technical Manual (pp. 49-53) available on the ADE web site at

http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns/AZLEARNS_Technical_Manual_2004_Vol1_070105.pdf

Schools wishing to apply for alternative school status must submit an application letter and supporting evidence to the ADE at achieve@ade.az.gov by 5 p.m. September 9, 2005. Supporting evidence should consist of documentation such as mission statements, charters, and public information indicating that it is the school's sole mission to serve students listed in the definition. Schools already granted alternative status need not reapply. Schools may apply to have their alternative status revoked.

Schools granted alternative status will receive a preliminary profile calculated using the parallel method on September 15, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact Research and Evaluation by calling (602) 542-5151 or emailing achieve@ade.az.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.